

The following
By Linda
 EXHIBIT 2
 DATE 1.21.13
 HB 2 JAN 17 2013
Stoll
Gary Forrester

Jan. 17, 2013

Representative Mike Cuffe, Chair
 Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural Resources and Transportation
 Montana House of Representatives
 P.O. Box 200400
 Helena, Montana 59620-0400

RE: HB2 – Base Funding for the DEQ Subdivision Section

Dear Mike Cuffe,

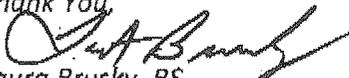
I support the HB2:

The reason for the base funding is summarized as follows:

The Subdivision Program is 100% fee funded. During periods of slow subdivision activity the incoming fee revenue is insufficient to fund even the very basic program to assure that reviews are performed in a timely manner and the basic program administrative needs of the program are met. In order to assure base program needs can be accomplished even during period of reduced subdivision activity, a stable funding source is needed that is independent of subdivision review fees. General fund would meet that need. Funding in the amount of \$200,000 per year would assure continued operation of a basic program at all times.

Having adequate funding also helps to assure there is staff to deal with necessary rule revisions, questions on subdivision applications, legal opinions, etc. A stronger base staff means that when economic conditions improve and more subdivision activity occurs, there will be trained staff to process applications and generally support our requests for services.

Thank You


 Laura Brusky, RS
 Cascade County

MEMORANDUM
DATE: 1/10/50
TO: SAC, NEW YORK
FROM: SAC, PHOENIX
SUBJECT: [Illegible]